Message

From: Alli Melton [AMelton@biologicaldiversity.org]

Sent: 4/15/2022 5:07:38 PM

To: javier.delrio@hudbayminerals.com; Regan, Michael [Regan.Michael@epa.gov]; Cabrera.misael@azdeq.gov;

Guzman, Martha [Guzman.Martha@epa.gov]

CC: Roger Flynn [roger@wmaplaw.org]

Subject: 60-Day Notice of Intent to Bring Citizen Suit for Rosemont Copper Co. Violations of Clean Water Act

Attachments: FA003A08B0B74FE8A9103E923C09C4D5.tiff; 2022-04-14-conservation-group-notice-letter-rosement-404-violations-

final.pdf

Dear Mr. del Rio:

Please find attached courtesy email copy of a 60-day notice that was sent yesterday on behalf of Save the Scenic Santa Ritas, Center for Biological Diversity, Arizona Mining Reform Coalition, and Sierra Club Grand Canyon Chapter to Rosemont Copper Company (Rosemont) asking that it immediately remedy and cease any violations of the Clean Water Act at the Rosemont Copper World Expansion.

The proposed mine site contains a dense network of ephemeral streams that quality as jurisdictional waters of the United States protected by the Clean Water Act. Yet, Rosemont has and is continuing to fill, dump, or otherwise cause rock, soil, and other material to bury ephemeral streams or portions thereof on the West side of the Santa Rita Mountains in Southern Arizona. Rosemont is clearing and grading the site, including discharging dredge or fill material into waters of the United States without a Clean Water Act section 404 permit, 33 U.S.C. § 1344. Rosemont's operations violate the Clean Water Act's strict prohibition on any unpermitted discharges of pollutants into jurisdictional waters of the United States. *Id.* § 1311(a).

Sincerely,

Allison N. Melton

Allison N. Melton Senior Attorney Public Lands Program Center for Biological Diversity P.O. Box 3024 Crested Butte, CO 81224 (970) 309-2008 amelton@biologicaldiversity.org

